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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A grip comprising:

a skin layer having a top surface and a bottom surface, said top surface is ~~characterized by an absence of upstanding stems~~ smooth;

a 4-way stretchable material layer with a stretchable top surface and a stretchable bottom surface wherein said 4-way stretchable material comprises polyester, said top surface of said stretchable layer adhered permanently to said bottom surface of said skin layer; and

a releasable adhesive disposed on said bottom surface of said 4-way stretchable layer.

12-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A grip comprising:

a skin layer having a top surface and a bottom surface, said top surface is ~~characterized by an absence of upstanding stems~~ smooth;

a backing layer having a top surface and a bottom surface, said top surface of said backing layer permanently adhered to said bottom surface of said skin layer;

a 4-way stretchable material layer with a stretchable top surface and a stretchable bottom surface and wherein said 4-way stretchable material comprises polyester, top surface of said stretchable layer adhered permanently to said bottom surface of said backing layer; and

a releasably attachable adhesive permanently disposed on said bottom surface of said stretchable layer.

24-33.(Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a safety grip comprising:

providing a skin layer having a top surface for gripping and a bottom surface, said top surface is ~~characterized by an absence of upstanding stems~~ smooth;

applying a permanent adhesive to said bottom surface of said skin layer;

providing a 4-way stretchable layer having a stretchable bottom surface and a stretchable top surface and wherein said 4-way stretchable material comprises polyester, said top surface of said stretchable layer being permanently affixed to said bottom surface of said skin layer by said second permanent adhesive; and

applying a releasable adhesive to said bottom surface of said stretchable layer for releasable adhesion to a hand support system.

35-45.(Cancelled)

46. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a safety grip comprising:

providing a skin layer having a top surface for gripping and a bottom surface, said top surface is ~~characterized by an absence of upstanding stems~~ smooth;

applying a permanent adhesive to said bottom surface of said skin layer;

providing a backing layer having a backing layer top surface and a backing layer bottom surface, said top surface of said backing layer affixed to said bottom surface of said skin layer by said permanent adhesive;

applying a second permanent adhesive to said bottom surface of said backing layer;

providing a 4-way stretchable layer having a stretchable bottom surface and a stretchable top surface wherein said 4-way stretchable layer comprises polyester, said top surface of said stretchable layer being permanently affixed to said bottom surface of said backing layer by said second permanent adhesive; and

applying a releasable adhesive to said bottom surface of said stretchable layer for releasable adhesion to a hand support system.

47-56.(Cancelled)

57. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a secure, safe, releasably attachable grip on a railing comprising:

a railing having a length and cross-sectional circumference;

a 4-way stretchable layer having a bottom surface and a top surface and wherein said 4-way stretchable layer comprises polyester, said bottom surface of said 4-way stretchable layer releasably adhered to said railing; and

a skin layer wrapped around said 4-way stretchable layer, said skin layer having a top surface and a bottom surface, said bottom surface of said skin layer permanently adhered to said top surface of said 4-way stretchable layer, said top surface of said skin layer ~~is characterized by an absence of upstanding stems~~ smooth.

58-68.(Cancelled)

69. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a secure, safe, releasably attachable grip on a railing comprising:

a railing having a length and cross sectional circumference;

a 4-way stretchable layer having a bottom surface and a top surface and wherein said 4-way stretchable layer comprises polyester, said bottom surface of said 4-way stretchable layer releasably adhered to said railing;

a backing layer wrapped around said 4-way stretchable layer, said backing layer having a top surface and a bottom surface, said bottom surface of said backing layer permanently adhered to said top surface of said 4-way stretchable layer; and

a skin layer having a top surface and a bottom surface, said bottom surface of said skin layer permanently adhered to said top surface of said backing layer, said top surface of said skin layer is ~~characterized by an absence of upstanding stems~~ smooth.

70-73.(Cancelled)

74. (Previously Presented) The grip of Claim 11, further comprising:

a luminescent presence in said skin layer.

75. (Previously Presented) The grip of Claim 23, further comprising:

a luminescent presence in said skin layer.

76. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 34, further comprising:

disposing a luminescent presence in said skin layer.

- 77. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 46, further comprising:  
disposing a luminescent presence in said skin layer.
- 78. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 57, further comprising:  
a luminescent presence in said skin layer.
- 79. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 69, further comprising:  
a luminescent presence in said skin layer.